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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that individual  
2 legislators and other elected officials of the State and its  
3 counties have a wide range of experience in the public and  
4 private sectors that often brings specialized knowledge and  
5 insight to policy-making. Elected officials often have  
6 continued to maintain other employment during their terms in  
7 elected office or while pursuing candidacy for an office, as  
8 duties and time constraints allow, and have provided valuable  
9 service in each of those respective capacities.

10           The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the University of  
11 Hawaii from adopting or maintaining any policy that precludes a  
12 legislator or other official elected to a non-statewide public  
13 office of the State or its political subdivisions, or candidate  
14 for any of those offices, from working at the University of  
15 Hawaii in a non-executive or non-managerial level, so long as  
16 the duties and schedule of the candidate or elected official do



1 not conflict with those of that person's position at the  
2 university.

3 The legislature declares that this issue is a matter of  
4 statewide concern.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
7 designated and to read as follows:

8 "§304A- Employment of political candidates and  
9 officials elected to non-statewide public office. (a) The  
10 university shall not adopt or maintain any policy that prohibits  
11 a candidate for, or person elected to, a non-statewide public  
12 office of the State or any of its political subdivisions from  
13 being employed in a non-executive or non-managerial position at  
14 the university solely because of the person's candidacy for, or  
15 election to, that public office; provided that this section  
16 shall not apply if the person's work schedule and time demands  
17 related to the candidacy or duties of elective office  
18 unreasonably conflict with those of the university position.

19 (b) As used in this section, "candidate" means a person  
20 who has filed applicable nomination papers with the chief



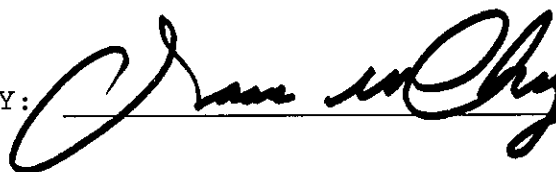
1 election officer or county clerk for an elective public office  
2 of the State or any of its political subdivisions."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1556

**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Employment; Elected Officials

**Description:**

Prohibits UH from prohibiting a person from certain employment at UH solely because that person is a candidate for, or person elected to, a non-statewide public office.

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